G. O. re enhancement of Tax.

219. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any G. O. *re* enhancing assessment on lands registered under the Puduval Rules and planted with rubber or other special products has been issued since 10-10-1931?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No; but the tax on rubber lands which was temporarily reduced from Rs. 2 to Re. 1 as per G. O. Dis.No. 1039/31/Rev., dated 23-7-31 was restored in 1936 as per G. O. R. Dis. No. 1568/36/ Rev., dated 26-9-36.

Re-establishment of a separate Maramat Department.

220. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the representations made in the Sri Mulam Assembly during the general discussion on the Budget for 1114 and by means of interpellation regarding the desirability of the re establishment of a separate Maramat Department; and

(*b*) whether they have considered the question in all its aspects and, if so the result of the same?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes

(*b*) Yes. Government have come to the conclusion that no change is necessary.

Agricultural loans.

221. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount allotted for giving Agricultural loans for the year 1114; and

(*b*) the amount actually given to the applicants?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Rs. 1,00,000.

(*b*) Rs. 43,136-16-8 up to the end of Edavom 1114.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PIALAI: May I know why more than 60 per cent. of the amount sanctioned for the purpose has not been given as agricultural loans?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: It may be due to paucity of applicants and want of solvency of the applicants.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI. May I know the total number of applicants to the end of Edavam 1114 for agricultural loans?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I claim notice

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason for answering that it may be due to paucity of applicants.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: My knowledge of men and things

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